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## Kootenai County man convicted of insurance fraud

BOISE ID (April 14, 2016) – Zachary Ozuna-Wilber pleaded guilty to one count of insurance fraud for placing coverage on his vehicle after the vehicle was involved in accident. Idaho Department of Insurance Investigator Nathan Davis obtained evidence proving coverage was added after the accident.

"Department investigators have specialized training to determine insurance fraud," says Department Director Dean Cameron. "Insurance fraud is a serious crime that is paid for in the form of higher premiums for everyone."

Ozuna-Wilber was the registered owner of three vehicles, but he did not keep all three vehicles insured at the same time. At the time of the accident, he was driving an uninsured vehicle. He called his insurance company from the scene of the accident and placed insurance on the vehicle; 30 minutes later he reported the accident to the insurance company who in turn contacted the Department.

Ozuna-Wilber was given a one-year fixed and a one-year indeterminate prison sentence, and was ordered to pay \$1,151 in restitution to Geico Insurance and the Idaho Department of Insurance. The case was prosecuted by Idaho Attorney General's Insurance Crimes Unit.

Idaho consumers who have questions or concerns about insurance-related issues are encouraged to contact the Department by visiting the website, <a href="www.doi.idaho.gov">www.doi.idaho.gov</a>, or calling 334-4250 in the Boise area or 800-721-3272 toll-free statewide.

### **About the Department of Insurance**

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.doi.idaho.gov">www.doi.idaho.gov</a>.

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